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TO AMEMBASSY MADRID  
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E. O. 11652, N/A

TAGS: SENV, NO, SP

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON "FIRESTORM" CREATED  
DURING BURNING OF "POLYCOMMANDER"

1. COAST GUARD IS U. S. MARITIME REGULATORY AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY OF LIVES AND PROPERTY AND PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT.
2. BASIS OF COAST GUARD REGULATORY PROGRAM FOR VESSELS CARRYING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IS UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROPERTIES AND HAZARDS OF THE CARGO. ARTICLE IN 13 MAY ISSUE OF "NEW YORKER" MAGAZINE DESCRIBED GROUNDING OF NORWEGIAN FLAG CRUDE OIL TANKER, "POLYCOMMANDER," AS RESULTING IN A FIRESTORM WHICH CREATED HURRICANE FORCE WINDS. CASUALTY OCCURRED NEAR VIGO, SPAIN, IN MAY OF 1970. COAST GUARD WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON "POLYCOMMANDER" INCIDENT AS IT MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ITS HAZARD-ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE FIRESTORM CREATED BY THE BURNING "POLYCOMMANDER" BE OBTAINED SOONEST. THIS MAY BE RESULT OF INVESTIGATIONS OR PRESS ACCOUNTS. COAST GUARD ALSO INTERESTED IN STRUCTURAL
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DAMAGE FROM THE FIRE.

4. DESIGNATION OF A POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP CONTACT BY EACH  
EMBASSY WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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